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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

EARNEST PLATT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, DOES I-X, and ROE
CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2:18-cv-00067 -RFB-CWH

**STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND
SCHEDULING ORDER**

In compliance with Local Rule 26.1

Defendant, NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, by and through their attorneys of record, Thomas E. Winner and Virginia T. Tomova of ATKIN WINNER & SHERROD, and Plaintiff, EARNEST PLATT, by and through his counsel, Travis Dunsmoor of the RICHARD HARRIS LAW FIRM, respectfully submit the following Stipulated Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order, pursuant to local rule 26.1(b) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f).

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

1. **Rule 26(f) Conference:** This matter was initially filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada by the Plaintiff Earnest Platt on November 15, 2017. The case was styled *Earnest Platt vs. National General Insurance Company, Does I-X, and Roe Corporations I-X, inclusive*, Case No. A-17-764747-C. The case was properly removed on **January 11, 2018**. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), the parties held the initial discovery conference on **March 21, 2018**.

2. **Initial Disclosures**: No changes are necessary in the form or requirement for the disclosures under Fed.R.Civ.P.26(a). Plaintiff has not made his Initial List of Witnesses and Documents disclosure under Local Rule 26.1. Defendant made its Initial List of Witnesses and Documents disclosure under Local Rule 26.1 on or about **March 22, 2018**.

3. **Areas of Discovery**: The parties need to conduct discovery regarding (a) the allegations in Plaintiff's Complaint and (b) Defendant's defenses.

4. **Discovery Plan**: The Parties propose the following discovery plan:

a. **Discovery Cut-off Date(s)**: L.R. 26(e)(1) provides that "unless the court orders otherwise, discovery periods longer than 180 days from the date the first defendant answers or appears will require special scheduling review." The parties agree that there is no need for a special scheduling review. The parties further agree that discovery will be conducted within 180 days from the date of the filing of Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, which was filed on or about **March 13, 2018**. Therefore, all discovery shall be completed no later than **September 10, 2018**.

b. **Amending Pleadings or Adding Parties**: Unless otherwise stated herein or ordered by the Court, the date for filing motions to amend the pleadings or to add parties shall not be later than ninety (90) days prior to the discovery cut-off date. Therefore, any such motion shall be filed no later than **June 12, 2018**.

c. **Disclosure of Expert Witnesses**: In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) and L.R. 26-1(3), disclosures identifying experts shall be made sixty (60) days prior to discovery cut-off date. Therefore, initial expert disclosures shall be made no later than **July 12, 2018**. Disclosures identifying rebuttal experts shall be made within thirty (30) days after the initial expert disclosures. Therefore, rebuttal expert disclosures shall be made no later than **August 13, 2018**.

1 d. **Interim Status Report:** Sixty (60) days prior to the close of discovery, the
2 parties shall file an Interim Status Report, as required by LR 26-3, stating the time estimated for
3 trial, three alternative dates for trial and whether trial will be proceeding or affected by substantive
4 motions. Therefore, the Interim Status Report shall be filed no later than **July 12, 2018**.

5 e. **Dispositive Motions:** Dispositive motions must be filed within thirty (30)
6 days after the close of discovery. Therefore, such motions shall be filed no later than **October 10,**
7 **2018.**

8 f. **Pre-Trial Order:** The parties will prepare a Joint Pre-Trial Order on or
before **November 12, 2018**, which is no more than thirty (30) days after the date set for filing
dispositive motions in the case. This deadline will be suspended if dispositive motions are timely
filed until thirty (30) days after the decision of the dispositive motions or until further order by the
Court. The disclosure required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) and objections thereto, shall be made in
the pre-trial order.

 g. **Pre-Trial Disclosures:** L.R. 26-1(6) requires that pre-trial disclosures,
pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3), and any objections thereto shall be included in the Pre-Trial
Order. However, the parties wish to deviate from that rule to permit a reasonable opportunity to
evaluate a party's pre-trial disclosures and make well-reasoned objections thereto. The parties do
not feel they can adequately do so under the modified schedule of L.R. 26-1(6). Therefore, the
parties propose following the schedule in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3)(B) which requires the parties to
make pre-trial disclosures not later than thirty (30) days before trial and submit any objections
thereto not later than fourteen (14) days before trial.

 h. **Court Conference:** If the Court has questions regarding the dates proposed
by the parties, the parties request a conference with the Court before entry of the Scheduling Order.
If the Court does not have questions, the parties do not request a conference with the Court.

1 **5. Other orders that should be entered by the Court under Rule 26(c) or under**
2 **Rules 16(b) and (c):**

3 The parties are not aware at this time of any other orders that should be entered by the
4 Court under Rule 26(c) or Rules 16(b) and (c).

5 **6. E-discovery.** The parties agree that disclosure and discovery of electronically
6 stored information should be produced in Portable Document Format (Adobe Acrobat) (“PDF
7 Format”) to allow for proper and consistent Bates numbering. The PDF documents are also to be
8 produced in a recognize text Optical Character Recognition (“OCR”) format. If in good faith a
 party questions the authenticity of an electronically stored document, or for other good faith
 reason, the party may request the PDF format document to be produced in its native format.

7. Claw Back Agreement. In the event that any Party (the “Discloser”) produces
 material or documents without intending to waive a claim of privilege or confidentiality, the
 Discloser does not waive any claim of privilege or confidentiality if, within a reasonable amount
 of time after the Discloser actually discovers that such material or documents were produced, the
 Discloser notifies all other Parties (the “Recipient(s)”) of the inadvertent disclosure of privileged
 or confidential items, identifying the material or documents produced and stating the privilege or
 confidentiality provision asserted. Mere failure to diligently screen documents before producing
20 them does not waive a claim of privilege or confidentiality.

21 If the Discloser asserts that it inadvertently produced privileged or confidential items in
22 accordance with this Claw Back Agreement, the Recipient(s) must return the specified material or
23 documents and any copies within ten days of the notification. The Recipient(s) must further
24 permanently destroy any electronic copies of such specified material or documents and affirm in
25 writing to counsel for the Discloser of such destruction.
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1 In the event that the Recipient(s) contends the documents are not subject to privilege or
2 confidentiality as asserted by the Discloser in accordance with this Claw Back Agreement, the
3 Recipient(s) may, following the return and destruction described in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement,
4 challenge the privilege claim through a Motion to Compel or other pleading with the District Court
5 in which the Litigation is currently pending. The Parties agree that any review of items by the
6 judge shall be an in-camera review.
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8 Should the Recipient(s) not challenge the Discloser's claim of privilege or confidentiality
or should the presiding judge determine that the documents are in fact subject to privilege or
confidentiality, the documents, or information contained therein or derived therefrom, may not be
used in the Litigation or against the Discloser in any future litigation or arbitration brought by the
Recipient(s). Nothing contained within this Claw Back Agreement shall be deemed to waive any
objection that any Party may wish to assert under applicable state or federal law.

If the Recipient challenges the privilege or confidentiality of the inadvertently disclosed
documents, and prevails on the motion to compel, the Recipient will be entitled to recover
reasonable attorney's fees for bringing the motion, to be determined by the Court.

8. **Alternative Dispute Resolution:**

20 Pursuant to Local Rule 26-1 (b)(7), the parties certify that they met and conferred about
21 the possibility of using alternative dispute-resolution processes including mediation, arbitration
22 and if applicable, early neutral evaluation.

23 9. **Alternative Forms of Case Disposition:**

24 The parties are not consenting to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and
25 Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and the use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01).

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10. **Electronic Evidence:**

Pursuant to Local Rule 26-1(b)(9), the parties certify that they agree to provide discovery in an electronic format compatible with the court's electronic jury evidence display system at trial.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2018

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: May 1, 2018


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE